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SUBJECT: ROBLEDO EMERGES AS ONE OF THE TRIUMVIRATE TO FILL VACUUM

REF: A. BA 6087, B. BA 6259 AND C. AMBASSADOR HILL-JACK
SMITH TELECON OF 9/17

1. WE UNDERSTAND FROM REFERENCED TELECON THAT MEETING BETWEEN
SEC KISSINGER AND FONMIN ROBLEDO IS NOW SCHEDULED FOR SEPT. 24.

2. FOR PURPOSES OF SECRETARY'S MEETING WITH HIM, IT IS
IMPORTANT TO NOTE THAT WHILE HE WILL GIVE UP THE FOREIGN
MINISTRY UPON HIS RETURN FROM UNGA, ROBLEDO IS EMERGING AS
ONE OF THE STRONGEST FIGURES IN THE ARGENTINE POLITICAL
EQUATION. AS MIN OF INTERIOR AND FIRST VICE PRESIDENT OF
THE PERONIST PARTY (HENCE, GIVEN MRS. PERON'S INABILITY TO
LEAD, VIRTUALLY THE HEAD OF THE PARTY), ROBLEDO IS LIKELY
TO BE ONE OF THE THREE KEY DECISION MAKERS.

3. CONFIGURATION OF NEW POWER STRUCTURE HAS BECOME MORE
APPARENT DURING LUDER'S FIRST FIVE DAYS AS INTERIM PRESIDENT.
LUDER AND ROBLEDO, APPARENTLY WORKING CLOSELY TOGETHER,
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ARE MOVING IN TO FILL POLITICAL POWER VACUUM REFERRED TO

IN REF A. DEFENSE MIN VOTTERO, AS CLOSE FRIEND OF BOTH, MAY WELL BE THE LINCHPIN IN THE CABINET, BUT SO FAR HE APPEARS TO BE AN INSTRUMENT RATHER THAN A MAJOR ACTOR. CAFIERO, ON THE OTHER HAND, DEFINATELY REMAINS A MAJOR ACTOR AND IS THE THIRD STRONG FIGURE IN THE EMERGING POWER STRUCTURE. IN EFFECT, THEN, THE STRUCTURE IS A TRIANGULAR ONE WITH LUDER AT THE APEX, ROBLEDO ON ONE SIDE TO TACKLE TERRORISM AND CAFIERO ON THE OTHER TO HANDLE ECONOMY.

4. ADDITIONAL BIO INFORMATION ON ROBLEDO FOLLOWS.
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